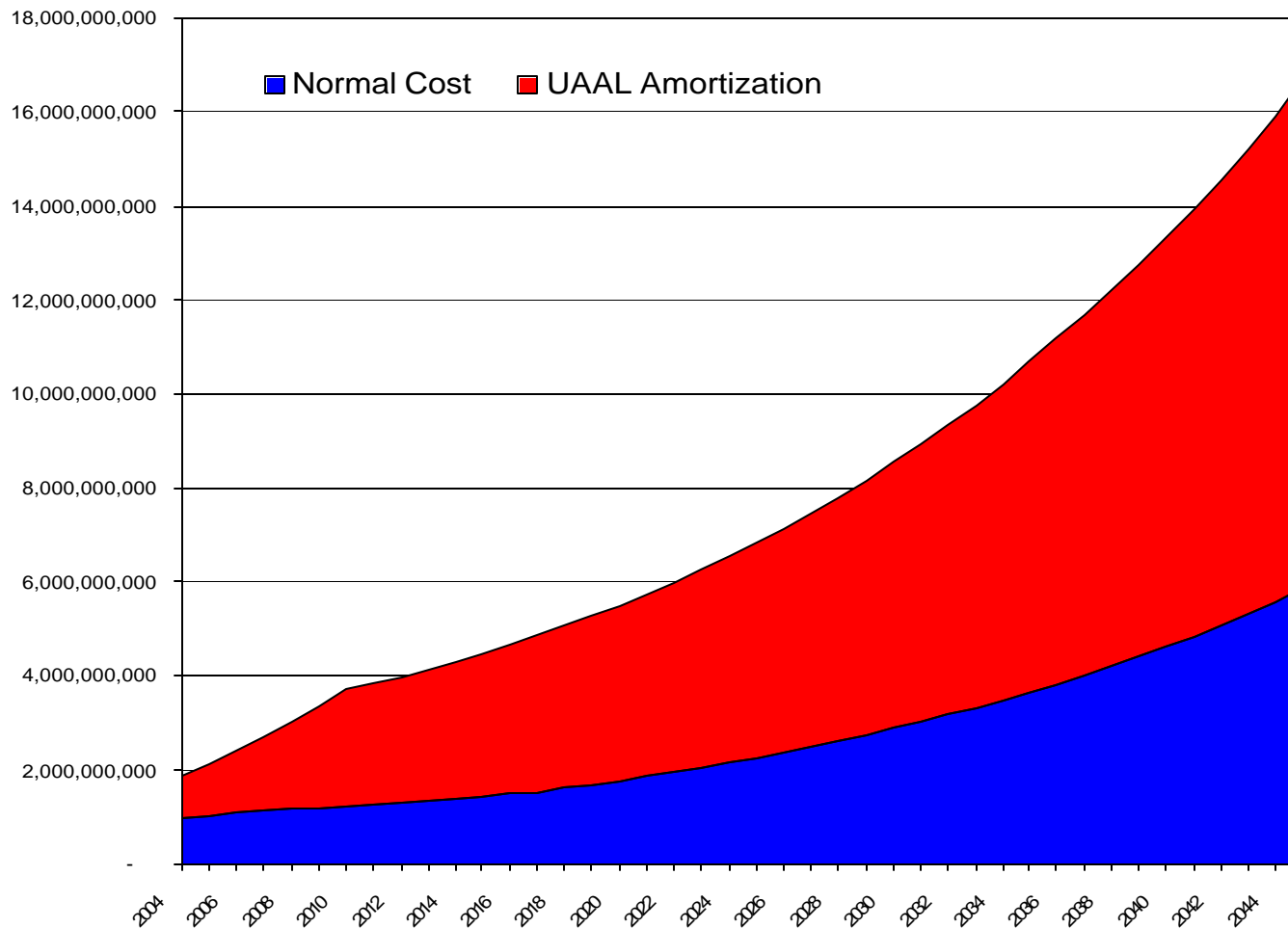


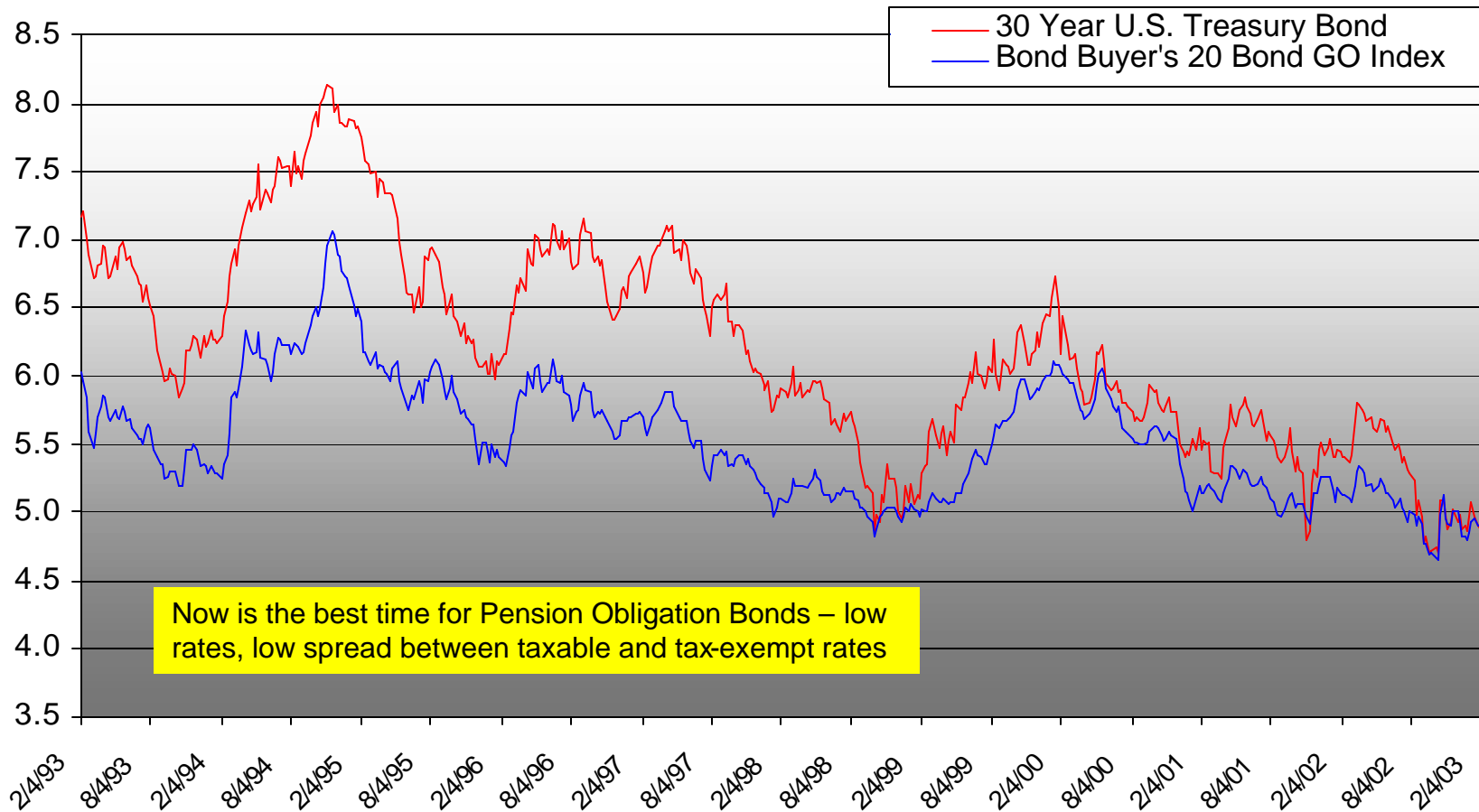
Normal Cost and Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) Contributions through 2045



This is a \$35 billion, 45-year, 8 – 8.5% loan from five state retirements to the State of Illinois

Taxable and Tax exempt rates

As of 2/14/2003



The Bond Buyer 20-Bond Index consists of 20 general obligation bonds maturing in 20 years with an average rating equivalent to Moody's Aa2 and S&P AA-minus. The index is published every Friday by the Bond Buyer, the daily trade paper for the municipal bond industry.

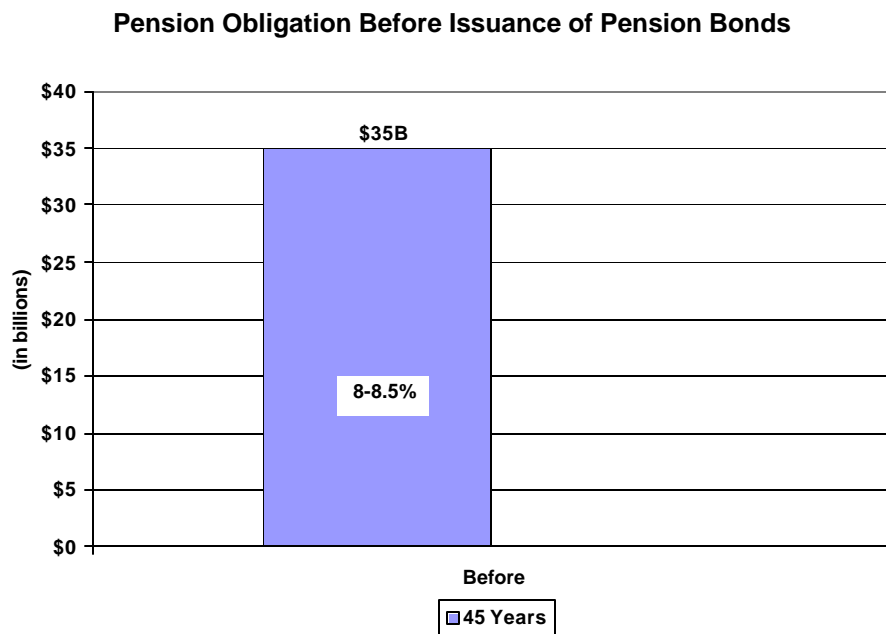
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Pension Obligation Strategy

- \$35 billion unfunded liability
 - Pension costs will increase by \$1 billion per year by the end of 2007
 - The State currently has a \$35 billion dollar, 45-year, 8 - 8 ½ % loan from the retirement systems
 - A unique time in the bond market will allow the state to use pension bonds to refinance a portion of this existing loan at lower interest rates—therefore achieving significant economic savings. This will not increase the state's existing debt.
 - Pair pension bond strategy with real plan to address liability
 - Pension Obligation Bond issue to fund liability
 - Annual taxable interest cost of approximately 6%
 - Generate real savings
 - Average cost of current pension funding = 8-8.5%
 - Actuarial rate has been 8-8.5% for the past 15 years
 - Real cost of pension bonds = 6% (or less), depending on structure
 - Savings of 10-20%, depending on structure
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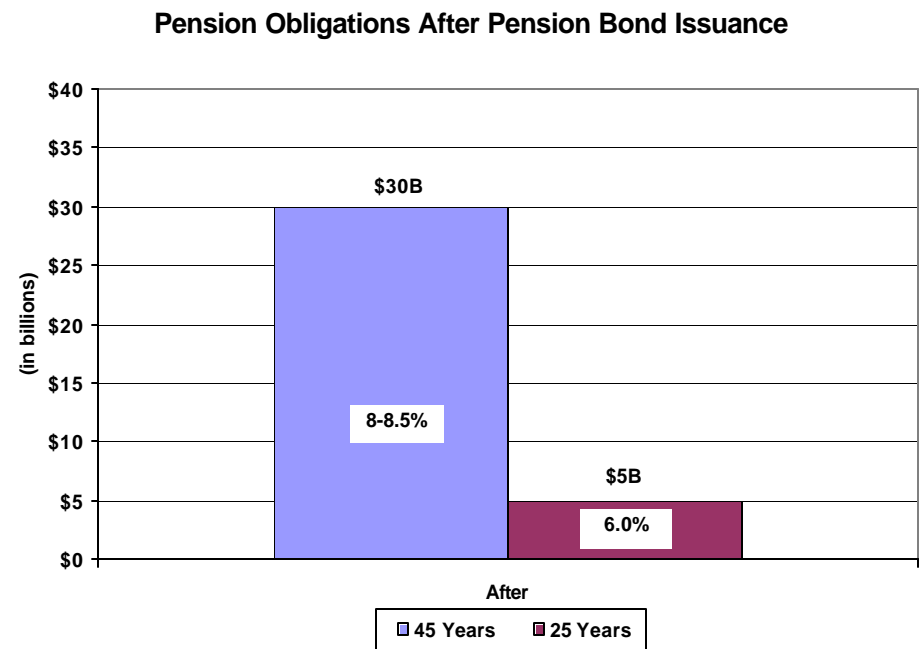
Pension Obligation Before & After Example: \$5 Billion Pension Obligation Bonds

BEFORE



\$35 Billion

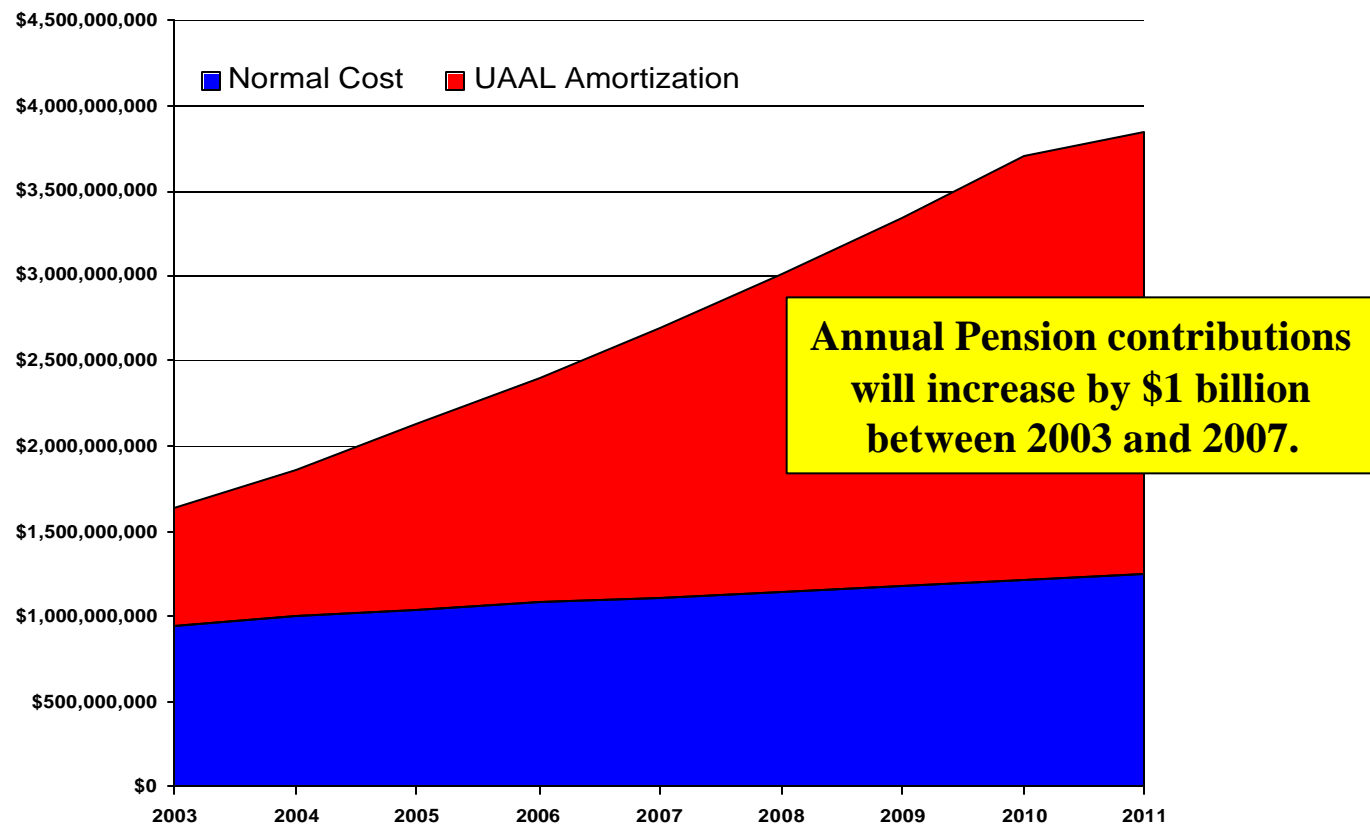
AFTER



\$30 Billion + \$5 Billion

NO NEW DEBT!

Legislation Requires Escalating Payments from 1995 - 2011



- State is obligated by the constitution to pay benefits.
- State is obligated by law to make catch-up payments.

Similar to Refinancing a Mortgage



For a \$100,000 30-year mortgage:

- At 8.5% the current monthly payment would be \$749/month
- At 6.0% the current monthly payment would be \$600/month

**10-20% savings achieved by
lowering effective funding cost**

Sound Business Decision

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 - Unfunded liability is not going to go away
 - Any corporation would do this immediately – genuine savings
 - Long term interest rates are at a 40 year low
 - Premium for taxable vs. tax exempt debt is lower than ever
 - Stock market has already corrected significantly
 - The State should execute this financing strategy even in the absence of a budget deficit
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